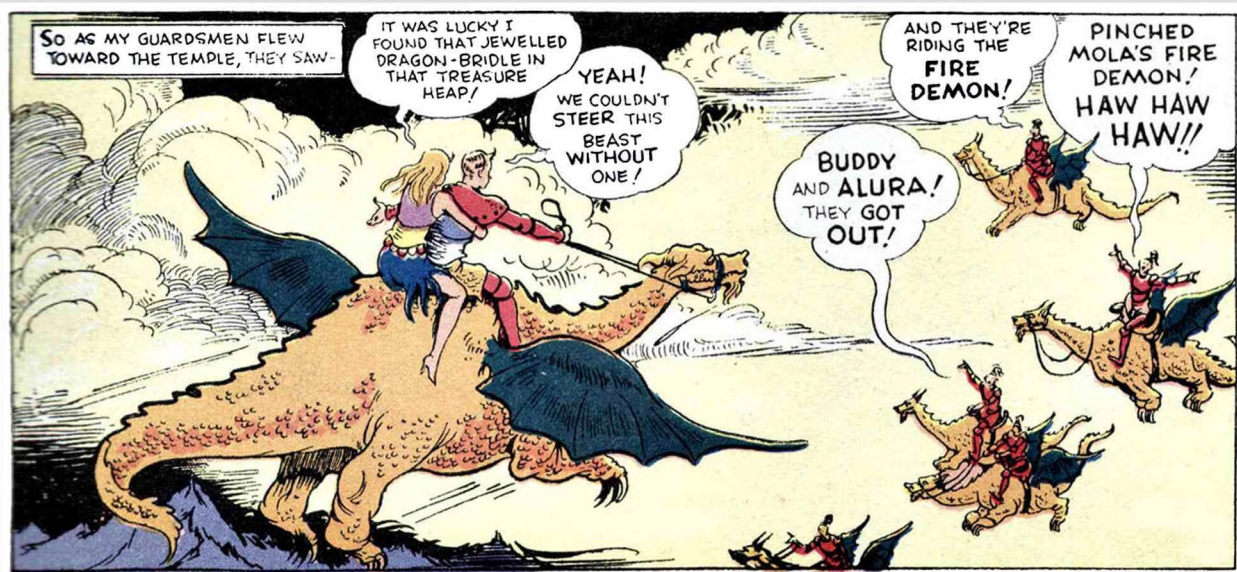


Buck Rogers

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Sunday Story 10

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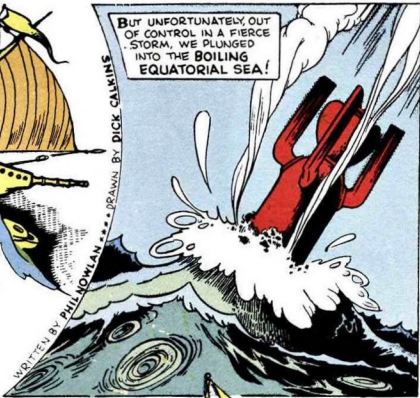
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A LURA OF MARS AND I - BUDDY DEERING OF EARTH, BROTHER OF WILMA AND FRIEND OF BUCK ROGERS - PLAYED A LEADING PART IN THE INTERPLANETARY EXPLORATIONS WHICH MARKED THE FIRST HALF OF THE 25th CENTURY. WE BECAME SUPREME MONARCHS OF THE PLANET VENUS WHERE, WITH THE AID OF KABBA, THE ALPMA CENTAURIAN, WE ESTABLISHED A REIGN OF SUPER-SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT THAT MADE THE PLANET ALMOST A PARADISE - AND NOW, AFTER A SERIES OF MOST AMAZING ADVENTURES, IN WHICH WE EVEN LANDED ON A COMET AND FOUND IT INHABITED BY ONE OF THE STRANGEST RACE OF MEN WE HAD EVER SEEN, WE DESCENDED ONCE MORE ON OUR OWN DOMAIN - VENUS.

Buddy Deering

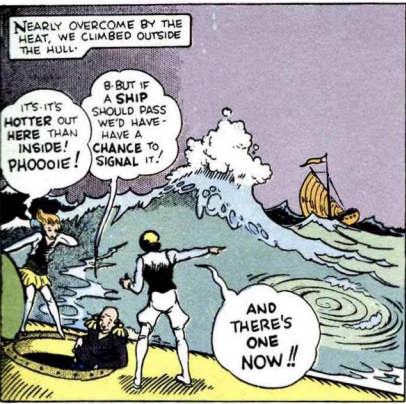


BUT UNFORTUNATELY OUT OF CONTROL IN A FIERCE STORM, WE PLUNGED INTO THE BOILING EQUATORIAL SEA!

WRITTEN BY PHIL NOWLAN... DRAWN BY DICK CALKINS



OUR CRAFT FLOATED TO THE SURFACE - BUT SOMETHING HAD GONE WRONG WITH OUR POWER - IT REFUSED TO RISE IN THE AIR.



NEARLY OVERCOME BY THE HEAT, WE CLIMBED OUTSIDE THE HULL.

IT'S-IT'S HOTTER OUT HERE THAN INSIDE! PHOOOIE!

BUT IF A SHIP SHOULD PASS WE'D HAVE A CHANCE TO SIGNAL IT!

AND THERE'S ONE NOW!!



THE CRAFT CAME TO OUR RESCUE AT ONCE.

LOOK OUT, ALURA! IF THAT WATER SPLASHES YOU IT WILL SCALD YOU!

I'LL BE CAREFUL - HERE, KABBA, GIVE ME YOUR HAND!

GRAB THAT ROPE - HERE, LADS! GIVE THEM A HAND! I WONDER WHO THEY ARE?



WHEN WE WERE SAFELY ON DECK-

WHY IT'S KING BUDDY AND QUEEN ALURA AND KABBA! - OH YOUR MAJESTIES, IT'S A GOOD THING FOR THIS PLANET YOU HAVE RETURNED!

WHY? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

SOMETHING ALWAYS HAPPENS! WHAT HAS HAPPENED? OH I HOPE!



BUCK ROGERS

25th CENTURY A.D.

I - BUDDY DEERING - BROTHER OF WILMA AND FRIEND OF BUCK ROGERS, - WITH ALURA, A PRINCESS OF MARS, HAD BECOME SUPREME MONARCHS OF THE PLANET VENUS, UNITING UNDER OUR RULE THE DRAGON RIDERS OF THE NORTH - THE FOREST FOLK - THE BIRD RIDERS - THE GIANTS - AND THE LITTLE FOLK FROM THE CAVERNOUS INTERIOR OF THE PLANET - WITH THE AID OF KABBA THE ALPHA CENTAURIAN WE ESTABLISHED A CIVILIZATION SUCH AS THE WARRING RACES OF VENUS HAD NEVER KNOWN - BUT NOW WE RETURNED TO VENUS TO FIND THAT - THE DRAGON RIDERS HAD REVOLTED AGAINST OUR GOVERNMENT - OUR CAPITAL WAS IN RUINS - AND HERE WE, WITH OUR SPACE SHIP SUNK IN THE BOILING EQUATORIAL SEA, ABOARD THE PONTON VESSEL OF THE SEA CAPTAIN WHO HAD RESCUED US.

Buddy Deering

WRITTEN BY PHIL NOWLAN
DRAWN BY DICK CALKINS

WE QUESTIONED THE CAPTAIN MORE CLOSELY.

BUT WHY DID THE DRAGON RIDERS REBEL? WERE THEY NOT SATISFIED WITH -

THAT IS THE BIG MYSTERY! - THOSE WE TOOK PRISONERS WOULD NOT TALK - THE CAUSE OF THE REVOLT IS UNKNOWN!

LISTEN BUDDY - OUR FACES WERE NEVER WELL KNOWN AMONG THE DRAGON RIDERS, AND -

IF WE DRESSED AS THEY DO - AND WENT AMONG THEM - YOU MEAN MAYBE WE COULD DISCOVER THAT CAUSE?

THE CAPTAIN FURNISHED US WITH FIVING BELTS FROM THE SHIP'S SUPPLIES - WE SPED NORTHWARD.

WHAT IS YOUR PLAN?

WE'LL FLY TO THE DRAGON COUNTRY - CAPTURE A COUPLE OF THE INHABITANTS AND -

YOU'LL TAKE THE PRISONERS BACK - IN OUR CLOTHES - WE'LL DRESS IN THEIRS AND GO ON!





SO WHEN THE DRAGONS CAME TO - WE FLEW DEEPER INTO THE BLEAK NORTHLAND.

WE OUGHT TO REACH ONE OF THEIR VILLAGES BEFORE LONG -

WE'LL SAY WE'RE FROM ANOTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY - WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO DRAGONIA - THEIR CAPITAL.



WE FLEW BOLDLY DOWN INTO THE FIRST VILLAGE WE CAME TO.

HEY, THERE! IS THAT THE INN?

OH I HOPE NOBODY SUSPECTS US!

YES - BUT WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?



AS WE ATE I TALKED TO THE HUNKER - WITH SURPRISING RESULTS.

BACK TO THE OLD PRIMITIVE WAYS, HUH? I BET YOU'RE SORRY TO SEE THE REIGN OF SCIENCE END - AREN'T YOU?

WH-WHAT!

WH-WHY - THEY ACT AS IF YOU SAID SOMETHING TERRIBLE!



AS WE FLEW ON AGAIN -

NOW WHAT COULD HAVE MADE THEM ALL ACT THE WAY THEY DID WHEN I SAID THAT?

IT SEEMED AS THOUGH THEY WERE IN DEADLY FEAR OF SOMETHING - OR SOMEBODY! - BUT - BUT ITS CERTAINLY WASN'T US!



BEFORE WE HAD FLOWN ANOTHER MILE -

ALURA!! - WE'RE FOLLOWED!!

TH- THEY LOOK LIKE GUARDSMEN! THEY'RE SPREADING OUT TO SURROUND US! OH B-B-BUDDY! - WHAT HAVE WE GOTTEN OURSELVES INTO? - AND - AND WHAT COULD WE HAVE SAID THAT WAS SO TERRIBLE?

ASTERITE STAMP

MARTIAN STAMP

2.00 BUCKS

VENUSIAN STAMP

1.00 BUCK

0.50 BUCK

GET INTO THIS BUSINESS OF BUYING AND SELLING BUCK ROGERS 25th CENTURY STAMPS WITH INTERPLANETARY PLAY COINS. THE STAMPS CHANGE IN VALUE EACH WEEK - BUT THE VALUE OF THE COINS REMAINS FIXED.

VALUES THIS WEEK!!

ASTERITE - 6 BUCKS
MARTIAN - 2 "
VENUSIAN - 7 "
EARTHIAN - 30 "
PRICE QUOTATION NUMBER 155

BUCK ROGERS

15 CENTURY A.D.

ALLURA OF MARS AND I-BUDDY DEERING - BECAME SUPREME MONARCHS OF THE PLANET VENUS - BUT ON RETURNING TO OUR DOMAIN AFTER A SERIES OF AMAZING ADVENTURES IN SPACE, WE FOUND DEASTER HAD SWIFT THE PLANET AND THE DRAGON RIDERS OF THE NORTH HAD REVOLTED - OUR CAPITAL WAS IN RUINS - THE VARIOUS RACES WE HAD UNITED UNDER A REIGN OF SCIENCE HAD WITHDRAWN INTO THEIR OWN TERRITORIES AND SLIPPING BACK INTO A STATE OF SEMI-BARBARISM, WERE AT SWORD'S POINTS WITH ONE ANOTHER - MOST MYSTERIOUS OF ALL, THE CAUSE OF THE DRAGONRIDERS' REVOLT WAS UNKNOWN - SO ALLURA AND I, DISGUISED AS DRAGON RIDERS, PENETRATED THE NORTHLAND ON OUR WAY TO DRAGONIA, THEIR CAPITAL CITY, TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE - AT AN INN I HAD SPOKEN OPENLY OF REGRET AT THE ENDING OF THE REIGN OF SCIENCE - EVERYONE LOOKED AT US STRANGELY, AND LATER -



WE WERE SUDDENLY SURROUNDED BY DRAGONNEER GUARDS - THEY FORCED US DOWN.

THEY'RE ALL AROUND US, BUDDY - AND ABOVE US TOO!

AND MOTIONING FOR US TO DESCEND - I-I-I GUESS WE BETTER DO IT! - MAYBE WE CAN TALK OUR WAY OUT OF THIS.



THEIR CAPTAIN DISMOUNTED AND FACED US.

JUST WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT REMARK OF YOURS - BACK AT THE INN - ABOUT BEING SORRY THE REIGN OF BUDDY AND ALLURA WAS ENDED? DON'T YOU KNOW THAT KIND OF TALK IS FORBIDDEN?

WE DIDN'T MEAN A THING BY IT - WE JUST -

HONESTY! - WE DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS FORBIDDEN! WE'LL PROMISE NOT TO SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT AGAIN!!

HE HESITATED FOR A WHILE - AND THEN -

SO YOU'RE GOING TO DRAGONIA, ELF - ALL RIGHT - BUT I'LL HAVE TO SEND WORD AHEAD THAT YOU'RE COMING - AND LET ME WARN YOU - MAKE NO MORE REMARKS LIKE YOU DID AT THE INN - THE FIRE DEMON HAS LONG EARS! DO YOU GET ME?

OH! THE FIRE DEMON!

OH - I UNDERSTAND! I'LL PROMISE TO BE VERY CAREFUL!

SO SOMEWHAT TO OUR SURPRISE - WE WERE LEFT FREE TO CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY.

NO - NOT A SIGN OF ANY GUARDS ANYWHERE! WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IT'S ALL ABOUT, BUDDY?

HHMM - WORD SENT ON AHEAD - THAT MEANS WE'LL BE UNDER SOME KIND OF SUSPICION - AND FIRE DEMON? - WHAT, OR WHO, IS A FIRE DEMON? - AND WHY?





ASTERITE STAMP
MARTIAN STAMP
VENUSIAN STAMP
EARTHIAN STAMP

200 BUCKS
100 BUCKS

JOIN THOSE WHO ARE HAVING LOTS OF FUN PLAYING THIS EXCITING GAME OF BUYING AND SELLING BUCK ROGERS INTERPLANETARY STAMPS WITH 25th CENTURY PLAY-Coins. THE VALUE OF THE MONEY IS ALWAYS THE SAME, BUT THE VALUE OF THE STAMPS CHANGES EACH WEEK. THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT EXCITING.

HINTS
EARTHIAN LOOKS GOOD AGAIN THIS WEEK BUT DON'T RIDE A GOOD DRAGON TOO HARD. WAVES ROLL HIGH ON MARTIAN CANALS.

VALUES THIS WEEK
ASTERITE - 10 BUCKS
MARTIAN - 6 " "
VENUSIAN - 8 " "
EARTHIAN - 30 " "
PRICE QUOTATION NUMBER 156

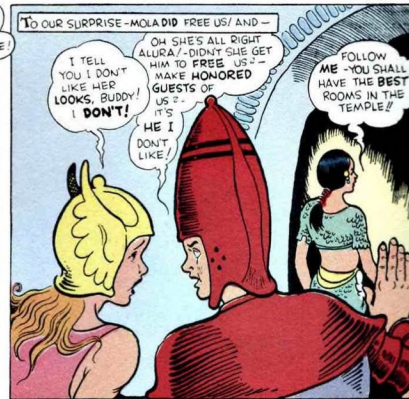
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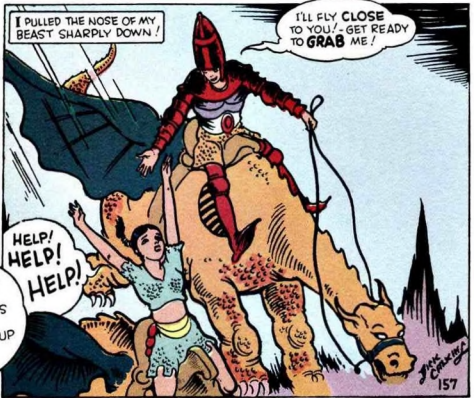
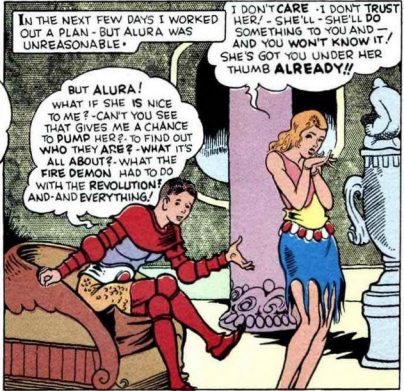
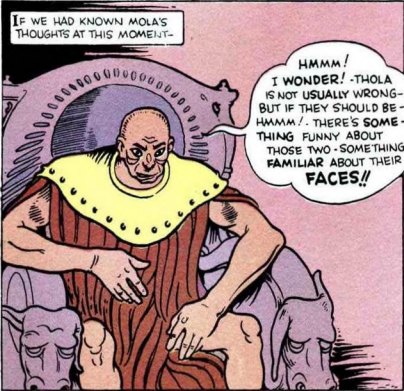
BUCK ROGERS

25th CENTURY A.D.

ON OUR RETURN TO THE PLANET VENUS, ALURA AND I FOUND OUR PLANET-WIDE GOVERNMENT HAD CRUMBLLED - THE REIGN OF SCIENCE HAD ENDED - ALURA AND I ENTERED THE LAND OF THE DRAGONEERS, DISGUISED AS TWO OF THEM. AN IDLE REMARK OF MINE ABOUT THE "FORMER REIGN OF BUDDY AND ALURA" BROUGHT THE GUARDS DOWN UPON US - WE WERE SET FREE, BUT THERE WAS TALK ABOUT THE "FIRE DEMON", WHO OR WHAT WAS THE "FIRE DEMON"? - WE DIDN'T KNOW - BUT ON BEING SET FREE WE RODE ON TO DRAGONIA, THE CAPITAL OF THE PROVINCE - AND IN THE STREETS OF THAT CITY WE WERE SEIZED BECAUSE WE DID NOT FALL ON OUR FACES AT THE APPROACH OF THE PROPHET OF THE FIRE DEMON!!

Buddy, steering





ASTERITE STAMP
MARTIAN STAMP
VENUSIAN STAMP
EARTHIAN STAMP

2 0 BUCKS
1 0 BUCKS
ONE BUCK
ONE BUCK
ONE BUCK
ONE BUCK

HERE'S ANOTHER ISSUE OF BUCK ROGERS INTERPLANETARY STAMPS AND PLAY- COINS. THE VALUE OF THE COINS REMAINS THE SAME BUT THE VALUE OF THE STAMPS CHANGES EACH WEEK* TRY TO GUESS JUST WHICH STAMPS WILL RISE IN VALUE AND TRADE WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

VALUES THIS WEEK
ASTERITE - 12 BUCKS
MARTIAN - 8 BUCKS
VENUSIAN - 16 BUCKS
EARTHIAN - 34 BUCKS
PRICE QUOTATION NUMBER 158

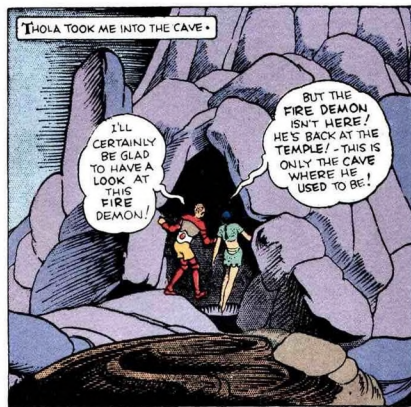
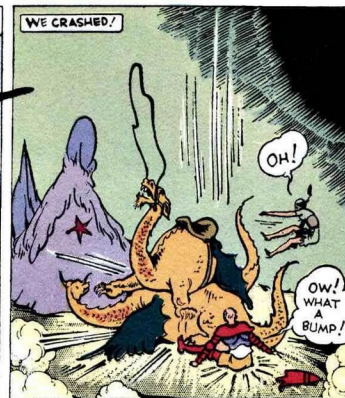
HINTS
HUMPTY DUMPTY SAT ON A WALL— IT WAS A WALL ON THE PLANET THAT CONTAINS THE LETTER "H". ASTER GREW FROM TINY ASTEROIDS — IT GREW AND GREW AND GREW AND—

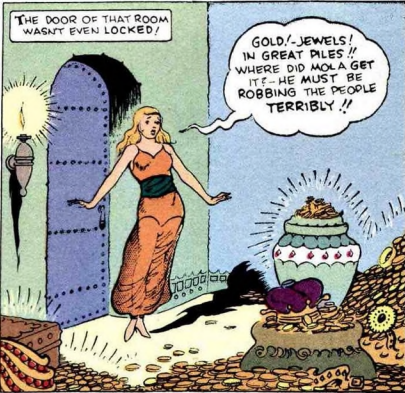
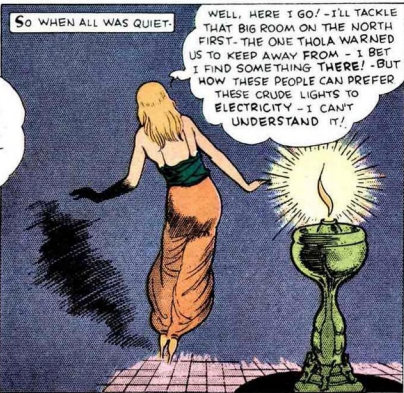
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ALURA AND I — SUPREME MONARCHS OF VENUS — DISGUISED OURSELVES AND WENT TO DRAGONIA, CAPITAL OF THE DRAGON RIDERS TO SEEK THE CAUSE OF THE REVOLT AGAINST OUR GOVERNMENT. WE FOUND THE DRAGONEERS COWED AND DOMINATED BY MOLA, PROPHET OF THE FIRE DEMON. WE WERE, INDEED, CAPTURED BY MOLA, AND WERE SAVED FROM A TERRIBLE FATE ONLY BY THE PLEAS OF THOLA, HIS DAUGHTER — HOPING TO DISCOVER SOMETHING ABOUT THE FIRE DEMON, AND THE CAUSE OF THE REVOLUTION, I WENT DRAGON RIDING WITH THOLA — INJURING ITSELF IN ITS FLIGHT, HER DRAGON PLUNGED TOWARD THE ROCKY PLAIN BELOW — I PLUNGED AFTER, IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE HER.

Buddy Deering





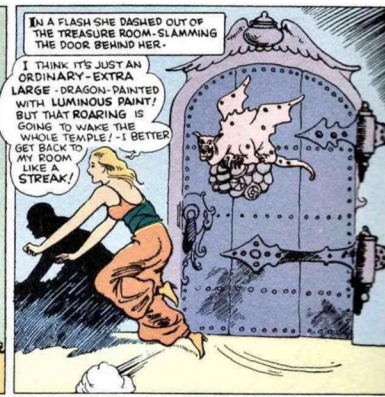
BOYS AND GIRLS ENTER THE GREAT SPACE SHIP RACE

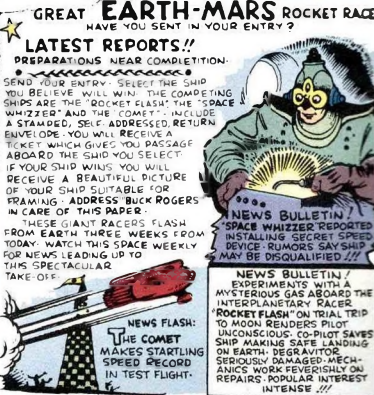
BUDDY DEERING INVITES YOU TO BE HONORED GUESTS ON ANY ONE OF THE THREE SUPER-SPACE STREAKERS- NOW BEING GROOMED FOR THE GREAT RACE- THE EARTH-MARS CLASSIC! -- STARTING FOUR WEEKS FROM TODAY! I'VE PICKED THE SHIP - FROM THE THREE SHOWN BELOW- THAT YOU THINK WILL WIN, AND WISH TO BE ON! THEN, CUT OUT THIS FIGURE OF BUDDY AND THE THOUSAND BUCK COIN, AROUND THE HEAVY OUTLINE, PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS PLAINLY IN THE SPACE INDICATED AND MAIL TO "BUCK ROGERS" IN CARE OF THIS PAPER. DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AND YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE PASSAGE TICKET- GOOD ON THE SHIP YOU HAVE PICKED AS WINNER. WEEKLY BULLETINS WILL GIVE THE DETAILS OF PREPARATION AND THEN THE EXACT PROGRESS OF THE RACING ROCKET SHIPS AS THEY HURL THEMSELVES THROUGH SPACE. WHEN THE WINNING SHIP IS ANNOUNCED THE PASSENGERS OF THE WINNER WILL MAIL IN THEIR PASSAGE TICKETS WITH THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES ON THEM, ENCLOSING A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AND WILL RECEIVE A PICTURE OF THE WINNING RACER, SUITABLE FOR FRAMING.

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY _____
STATE _____

ONE THOUSAND BUCKS FOR PASSAGE ON THE

THE COMET
THE ROCKET FLASH
THE SPACE WHIZZER





BUCK ROGERS

25th CENTURY A.D.

AFFAIRS ON THE PLANET VENUS HAD BECOME CHAOTIC DURING THE ABSENCE OF ALURA AND MYSELF ON A SERIES OF INTER-PLANETARY ADVENTURES. OUR GOVERNMENT HAD GONE TO PIECES. THE DRAGON RIDERS OF THE NORTH REVOLTED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MOLA AND SLIDDED BACK INTO A SEMI-SAVAGE STATE. ALURA AND I DISGUISED OURSELVES AND VISITED MOLA'S TEMPLE - THE PROPHECY OF MOLA'S TEMPLE - TOOK ME TO SEE DAUGHTER THOLA. HOWEVER, THE "BANDITS" THERE WERE TRAPPED BY MOLA'S TURNED OUT TO BE FORMER MEMBERS OF MY OWN KING'S GUARD, WHO HAD NEVER SUBMITTED TO MOLA'S TYRANNY. THEY RECOGNIZED ME AT ONCE, AND OF COURSE THOLA LEARNED MY TRUE IDENTITY.

Buddy Steering





THEY RETURNED TO THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE.

WELL WE'VE GOT THEM BOTTLED UP ALL RIGHT!

AND WE'LL STAY HERE UNTIL THEY COME OUT! THEN I GO BACK TO MY FATHER WITH KING BUDDY AS MY CAPTIVE!!



BUT AT THIS MOMENT—

WE'LL FLY AWAY WHILE THOLA WATCHES THE OTHER ENTRANCE!

SEE!—THIS IS OUR SECRET ENTRANCE!

YOU TAKE MY DRAGON, KING BUDDY—I'LL RIDE DOUBLE.

YES—I'VE GOT TO GET ALURA AWAY FROM THE TEMPLE BEFORE THOLA GOES BACK AND TELLS WHO WE ARE!



I FLEW MADLY BACK TOWARD THE CITY—MY COMPANIONS HAD SCATTERED.

NOW AS SOON AS THEY RECRUIT OTHER OLD MEMBERS OF MY GUARD WE'LL BE READY TO STRIKE! BUT—BUT I'VE GOT TO GET ALURA OUT OF MOLA'S CLUTCHES FIRST!—IF MOLA HADN'T BANNED ALL SCIENCE—IF THOLA HAD A RADIO TO WARN HIM WITH—I SURE WOULD BE SUNK!



THOLA HADN'T BEATEN ME TO THE TEMPLE—BUT UNFORTUNATELY I RAN SQUARE INTO MOLA!!

WHY—ER—HELLO, MOLA? DID YOU THINK I GOT LOST? WELL I—AH—WHY, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YOU—YOU!—WHERE'S MY DAUGHTER? THAT'S NOT THE DRAGON YOU FLEW AWAY ON LAST NIGHT!—I'VE BEEN SUSPICIOUS OF YOU FOR DAYS! THERE'S SOMETHING TOO FAMILIAR ABOUT YOUR FACE! I'VE SEEN IT SOMEWHERE—THE DUNGEON FOR YOU!!



SO INSTEAD OF RESCUING ALURA—

CHAINS! AND NO CHANCE TO

BREAK THEM! I HAVEN'T GOT EVEN A POCKET DISINTEGRATOR—NOT EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO WARN ALURA—MOLA SUSPECTS WHO I AM ALREADY!—AND WHEN THOLA GETS BACK, HE'LL KNOW!! WHAT A TOUGH SPOT

THIS IS!!

THE GREAT EARTH-MARS ROCKET RACE

THIS 25th CENTURY CLASSIC BEGINS TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY—HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR ENTRY?
THREE SUPER RACERS COMPETE!!!

THE "COMET," THE "ROCKET FLASH" AND THE "SPACE WHIZZER" ARE THE ENTRIES. SELECT THE SHIP YOU BELIEVE WILL WIN—SEND YOUR SELECTION TO "BUCK ROGERS" IN CARE OF THIS PAPER. ENCLOSE STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE—IN IT YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE PASSAGE TICKET GOOD ON THE SHIP YOU SELECT. WHEN THE WINNING SHIP IS ANNOUNCED, THE LUCKY PASSENGERS OF THAT SPACE-STREAKER WILL MAIL IN THEIR TICKETS AND A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF THE WINNING SHIP, SUITABLE FOR FRAMING, WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH!!!

NEWS BULLETINS!

PILOT OVERCOME BY MYSTERIOUS GAS WHILE TESTING "ROCKET FLASH" STILL IN HOSPITAL—PHYSICIANS DOUBTFUL OF HIS RECOVERY BEFORE START OF RACE—MECHANICS INSTALL NEW DEGRADATOR ON "ROCKET FLASH"—NO TEST YET.

OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE RUMOR OF SECRET SPEED DEVICE ON "SPACE WHIZZER" SECRET DEVICE WAS FOUND BUT DECLARED IT ENTIRELY WITHIN BOUNDS OF RACE REGULATIONS "SPACE WHIZZER" EXPECTED TO MAKE STARTLING SPEED RECORD IN TEST FLIGHT.

AN EXPLOSION OF TEN ROCKET TUBES ON THE "COMET" TODAY, SERIOUSLY DAMAGED ITS NAVIGATING INSTRUMENTS' RUSH REPAIRS.

THE COMET THE ROCKET FLASH THE SPACE WHIZZER

BUCK

15 ROGERS

CENTURY A-D

ON THE PLANET VENUS- IN THE COUNTRY OF THE DRAGON RIDERS OF THE NORTH- ALURA AND I- WHO HAD BEEN SUPREME MONARCHS OF THAT PLANET- WERE NOW HELPLESS PRISONERS OF MOLA - PROPHET OF THE "FIRE DEMON". WHO HAD LED THE REVOLT- THAT BROKE UP OUR REIGN DURING OUR ABSENCE ON A SERIES OF AMAZING INTERPLANETARY ADVENTURES- MOLA RULED THROUGH TERRORISM- ROBBED THE PEOPLE OF OUR SUPER-SCIENTIFIC CIVILIZATION AND PLUNGED BACK INTO SEMI-BARBARISM- MOLA, HOWEVER, DID NOT KNOW WHO WE WERE- THOUGH HIS DAUGHTER THOLA DID. FORTUNATELY FOR US THOLA HAD NOT YET RETURNED TO THE TEMPLE OF THE FIRE DEMON.

Buddy Sleering



ALURA DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAD BECOME OF ME- CHAINED!- TO THINK OF IT!- AND NOTHING I CAN DO TO WARN BUDDY WHEN- IF - HE RETURNS- OH- WHAT SHALL I- D- DO? - OH WHAT A MISTAKE WE MADE TO EVER COME HERE!!



I WAS EQUALLY HELPLESS- I'VE PULLED AND TUGGED AT THESE CHAINS- BUT ALL I DID WAS HURT MYSELF! - IF I ONLY HAD A DISINTEGRATOR! - WHAT AN ADVANTAGE IT WOULD BE, SINCE THESE PEOPLE GAVE UP SCIENTIFIC WEAPONS!- I WONDER WHERE ALURA IS?



ABOVE US- IN THE TEMPLE OF THE FIRE DEMON- MOLA RAGED- THOSE TWO IN THE JUNGLE- WHO ARE THEY? - ONE WAS IN THE TREASURE ROOM! - I KNOW IT! THE OTHER TOOK MY DAUGHTER AWAY - AND DIDN'T BRING HER BACK! AND THEIR FACES! - WHAT IS IT THAT'S SO FAMILIAR ABOUT THEM? - ARRR!!



AFTER HOURS OF SUSPENSE-

COME! MOLA SUMMONS YOU AND THE GIRL FOR JUDGEMENT!

HUH? - WHAT? YOU MEAN AL- THAT IS - SHE HAS BEEN LOCKED UP TOO?



ON THE WAY TO THE HALL OF JUDGEMENT!

OH- BB-BUH - I - I WAS HOPING YOU HAD ESCAPED OR SOMETHING!!

SHH! - DON'T MENTION ANY NAMES! A CERTAIN PARTY DOESN'T KNOW YET, AND -

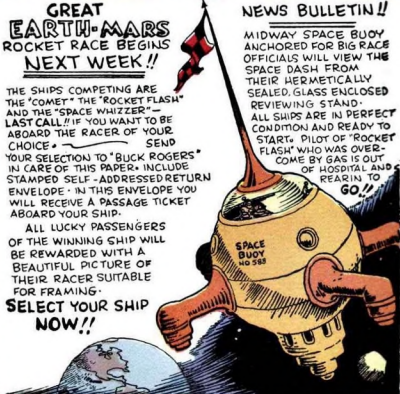
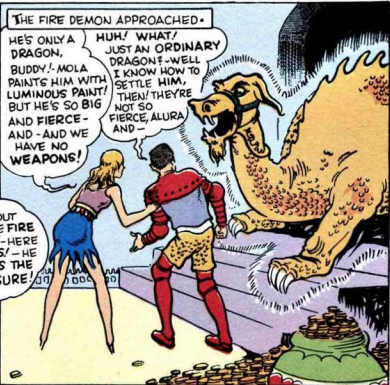
SILENCE!! YOU'RE TO TALK TO MOLA - NOT TO EACH OTHER!



MOLA NEVER GAVE US A CHANCE- AND YOU DON'T YOURSELF, MOLA! WE HAVEN'T COMMITTED ANY CRIME!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE ACCUSING US OF!

NO!- DO I HAVE TO ACCUSE YOU? - I AM MOLA, PROPHET OF THE FIRE DEMON! - AND YOU SHALL FACE HIM! IN THE TREASURE ROOM IN WHICH THIS GIRL WAS SO INTERESTED! TAKE THEM AWAY!



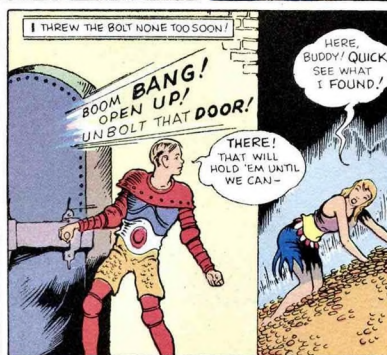
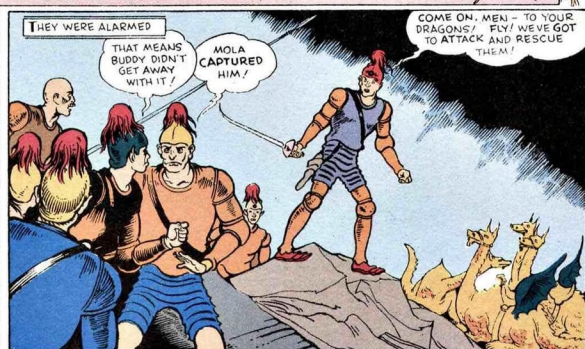
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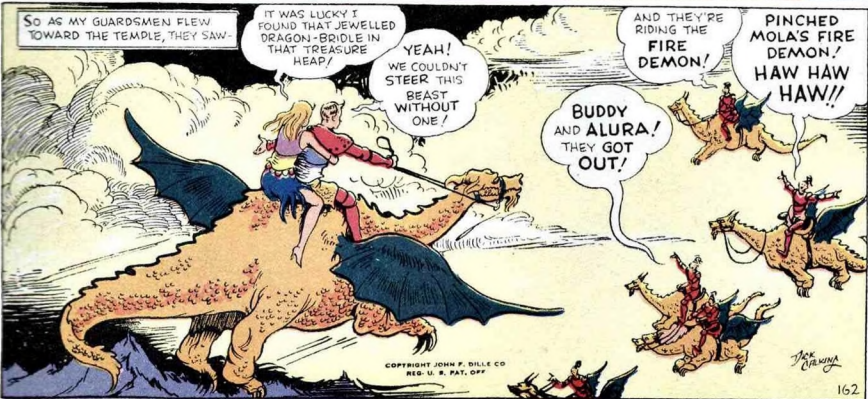
25th CENTURY A.D.

By PHIL NOWLAN AND DICK CALKINS

DURING OUR ABSENCE ON A NUMBER OF AMAZING ADVENTURES IN SPACE, THE DRAGON RIDERS OF VENUS HAD REBELLED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. ALURA AND I HAD SET UP ON THAT PLANET. THEY HAD DESTROYED ALL THE BENEFITS OF SCIENCE WE HAD GIVEN THEM. ALURA AND I WERE IN DRAGONIA, AND HAD LOCATED A NUMBER OF FORMER MEMBERS OF MY KING'S GUARD WHO WERE READY TO REVOLT AGAINST MOLA. THE ONLY TROUBLE WAS THAT ALURA AND I WERE PRISONERS - MOLA THREW US INTO THE TREASURE ROOM. THE FIRE DEMON GUARDED IT. I FOUND THE "DEMON" WAS ONLY AN ORDINARY DRAGON, REeking WITH LUMINOUS PAINT AND MADE FRIENDS WITH THE BEAST - BUT HOW WERE WE TO ESCAPE? - FOR MOLA AND HIS DAUGHTER THOLA - NOW KNEW WHO WE WERE AND WERE RUSHING TO THE TREASURE ROOM - WE WERE TRAPPED!

Buddy Derring





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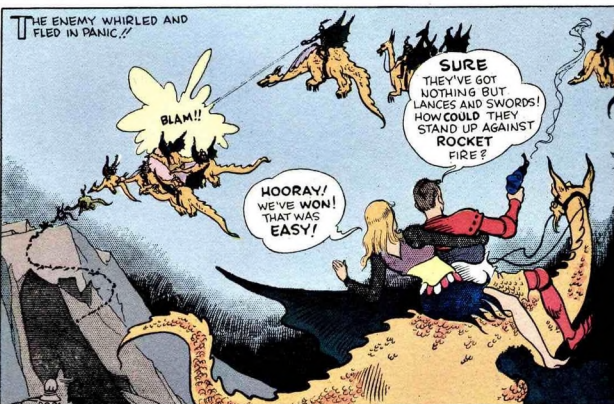
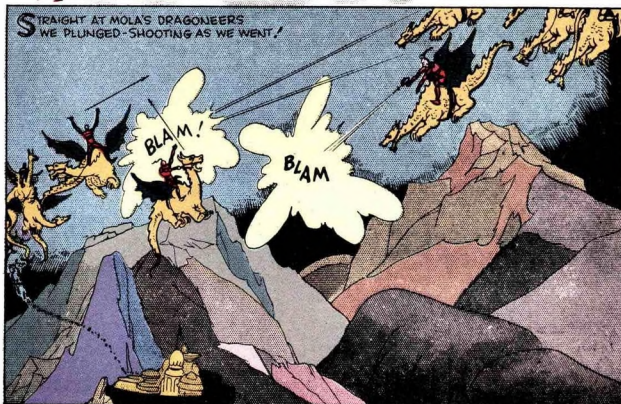
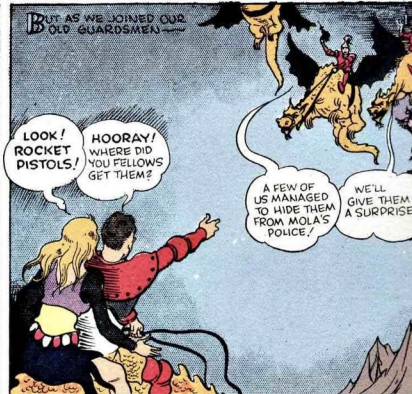
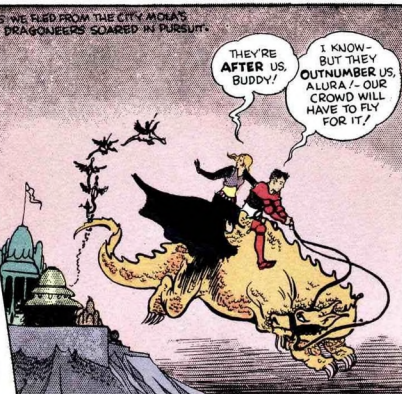
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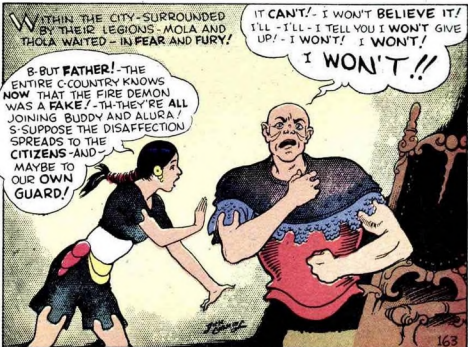
ON THE PLANET VENUS IN THE LAND OF THE DRAGON RIDERS OF THE NORTH, MOLA WHO HAD PROCLAIMED HIMSELF PROPHET OF THE FIRE DEMON, HAD SEIZED THE REINS OF POWER WHILE ALURA AND I, WHO HAD ESTABLISHED A SCIENTIFIC CIVILIZATION THROUGH OUT THE ENTIRE PLANET, WERE AWAY INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF AMAZING INTERPLANETARY ADVENTURES. WITH THOLA HIS DAUGHTER, MOLA HAD REDUCED THE PEOPLE TO A STATE OF SEMI-BARBARISM, AND RULED THEM WITH THE UTMOST TYRANNY BY WORKING ON THEIR SUPERSTITIOUS FEARS - BUT WE FOUND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR KING'S GUARD WHO HAD NOT FORGOTTEN US, AND WERE EAGER FOR OUR RETURN TO POWER - AND WHEN ALURA AND I ESCAPED FROM MOLA, RIDING THE "FIRE DEMON" ITSELF, WHICH WAS NOTHING BUT AN ORDINARY DRAGON PAINTED WITH LUMINOUS PAINT, THE RULE OF MOLA AND THOLA BEGAN TO CRUMBLE.

Buddy Steering

WRITTEN BY PHIL NOWLAN - DRAWN BY DICK CALKINS

AS WE FLED FROM THE CITY, MOLA'S DRAGONEERS SOARED IN PURSUIT.





25th CENTURY A.D.

BUCK ROGERS

WHILE ALURA AND I WERE ABSENT FROM THE PLANET VENUS ON A SERIES OF AMAZING INTER-PLANETARY ADVENTURES OUR GOVERNMENT CRUMBLING UNDER THE REVOLT OF THE DRAGON RIDERS OF THE NORTH, LED BY THE TYRANT MOLA, WHO STYLED HIMSELF "PROPHET OF THE FIRE DEMON," AND HIS DAUGHTER THOLA - BUT NOW WE HAD EXPOSED THESE IMPOSTERS REVEALED THE SACRED "FIRE DEMON" AS NOTHING MORE THAN AN ORDINARY DRAGON PAINTED WITH LUMINOUS PAINT - THE WHOLE COUNTRY ROSE TO OUR SUPPORT - ONLY THE CITY OF DRAGONIA, WHICH THEY TERRORIZED WITH THEIR DRAGONVEER GUARDS REMAINED LOYAL TO THE ARCH-REBELS.

Buddy Deering

WRITTEN BY PHIL NOWLAN -- DRAWN BY DICK CALKINS

OUR FORCES SURROUNDED THE CITY - OUR DRAGONVEERS AND BIRD-RIDERS FLEW OVER IT CONSTANTLY.

OUR AIR FORCE CAN'T DO MUCH DAMAGE, THOUGH - THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DROP ON THE CITY BUT ARROWS!

IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG, TOUGH SIEGE - UNLESS WE CAN MANAGE TO MANUFACTURE SOME EXPLOSIVES - NOW I WONDER -

THE COMMITTEE DEMANDS THAT YOU SURRENDER THE CITY TO BUDDY AND ALURA OR -

TREASON! STRIKE HIM DOWN, FATHER!!

OR WHAT ???

THE SPOKESMAN NEVER HAD A CHANCE.

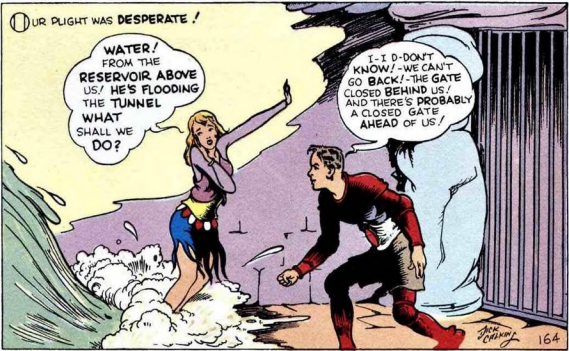
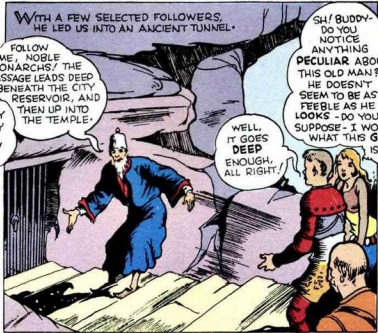
SURRENDER, HEY? I'LL SHOW YOU!!!

SOCK HIM BEAT HIM DOWN!

MOLA AND THOLA ACTED QUICKLY.

AND NOW FOR THE SECRET PASSAGE! LURE BUDDY AND ALURA INTO IT! - THEN WE CAN SETTLE THEM BEFORE THIS REVOLT GETS UNDER WAY!

THERE! HE'S BOUND AND GAGGED! THE COMMITTEE WILL THINK HE'S STILL IN CONFERENCE WITH US!



FINAL ROCKET-RACE BULLETIN!!

THE COMET STILL HOLDS FIRST POSITION IN THE GRUELLING ROCKETSHIP RACE FROM EARTH TO MARS! THE ROCKET FLASH, AFTER CHALLENGING THE LEADER FROM THE REAR, HAS FALLEN BACK AND HAS NOW SURRENDERED SECOND PLACE TO THE SPACE WHIZZER, THE MOST FURIOUS RACING BATTLE OF THE 28th CENTURY SOARS ON! THE COMET HAS ACCEPTED THE NEW CHALLENGE OFFERED BY THE SPACE WHIZZER AND HAS DOUBLED THE CHEMICAL MIXTURES FLOWING TO HER ROCKET TUBES - BUT DESPITE THIS ADDED POWER, THE SPACE WHIZZER IS BLASTING HER WAY CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE LEAD. THE PILOTS OF THE COMET STILL FEEL CONFIDENT - WITH FIFTEEN MILLION MILES OF UNCONQUERED SPACE STILL REMAINING BETWEEN THE RACERS AND MARS, ALMOST ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN!!!

DON'T MISS THE TELEPHOTO FLASH! - IT WILL APPEAR IN THIS PAGE NEXT WEEK! YOU WILL SEE THE WINNING RACER ROARING ACROSS THE MARTIAN FINISH LINE - WHAT SHIP WILL IT BE?!

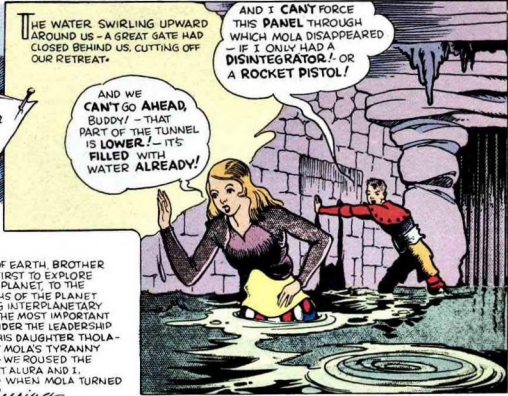
THE ROCKET FLASH

THE SPACE WHIZZER



A LURA, A PRINCESS OF MARS, AND I- BUDDY DEERING OF EARTH, BROTHER OF WILMA AND FRIEND OF BUCK ROGERS - WERE THE FIRST TO EXPLORE THE SOLAR SYSTEM, FROM MERCURY, THE INNERMOST PLANET, TO THE PLANET PLUTO AND BEYOND - WE BECAME SUPREME MONARCHS OF THE PLANET VENUS, BUT DURING OUR ABSENCE ON A SERIES OF AMAZING INTERPLANETARY ADVENTURES, THE DRAGON RIDERS OF THE NORTH, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RACES ON VENUS, REVOLTED AGAINST OUR GOVERNMENT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MOLA, SELF STYLED "PROPHET OF THE FIRE DEMON" AND HIS DAUGHTER THOLA - ON OUR RETURN WE FOUND THE DRAGONIERS HAD TIED OF MOLA'S TYRANNY AND WERE READY TO WELCOME US AGAIN AS THEIR RULERS - WE ROUSED THE COUNTRYSIDE AND LAID SIEGE TO THE CITY OF DRAGONIA - BUT ALURA AND I, FOLLOWING A SECRET PASSAGE INTO THE CITY, WERE TRAPPED WHEN MOLA TURNED THE WATER OF THE RESERVOIR INTO IT.

Tuddy Reeling



THE WATER SWIRLING UPWARD AROUND US - A GREAT GATE HAD CLOSED BEHIND US, CUTTING OFF OUR RETREAT.

AND WE CAN'T GO AHEAD, BUDDY! - THAT PART OF THE TUNNEL IS LOWER! - IT'S FILLED WITH WATER ALREADY!

AND I CAN'T FORCE THIS PANEL THROUGH WHICH MOLA DISAPPEARED - IF I ONLY HAD A DISINTEGRATOR! - OR A ROCKET PISTOL!



HIGHER AND HIGHER THE WATER ROSE - WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING SOON - OR - OR -

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO, BUDDY! WE'RE JUST HOPELESSLY TRAPPED THAT'S THAT!



THEN SUDDENLY THE PANEL GAVE WAY UNDER THE PRESSURE OF THE WATER IN THE TUNNEL!

BUDDY! BUDDY! WE'RE SAVED!

AND WILL WE FIX MOLA FOR THIS TRICK.



WHILE ABOVE, IN THE TEMPLE, MOLA AND THOLA GLOATED FIENDISHLY. OH MY FATHER YOU ARE SO CLEVER! - TO THINK OF POURING THE WHOLE RESERVOIR DOWN UPON THEM! IT IS DELICIOUS!!

NOT BAD, EH? - NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS CALL IN THAT COMMITTEE OF REBELLIOUS CITIZENS AND TELL THEM BUDDY AND ALURA ARE SETTLED FOR GOOD! - THEN SEE HOW MUCH REBELLING THEY DO!



THE PANEL OPENED INTO ANOTHER SECRET PASSAGE, IN WHICH THE STEPS LED UPWARD!

I BET IT LEADS STRAIGHT UP INTO THE TEMPLE!

ANYWAY, IT'S THE WAY MOLA WENT! AND HE'S THE ONE WE'RE AFTER!!

